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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## VALUATION.

Taxable polls,	208	\$ 20,800 00
land and buildings,		460,710 00
Horses,	263	13,349 00
Oxen,	44	2,411 00
Cows,	670	21,345 00
Other neat stock,	82	1,279 00
Sheep,	51	182 00
Hogs,	7	80 00
Carriages,	45	3,168 00
Money on hand, at interest or on deposit,		11,090 00
Stock in trade,		4,000 00
Mills and machinery,		2,748 00
Stocks in banks,		6,100 00
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		\$ 547,262 00

## APPROPRIATIONS.

For town expenditures,	\$ 3,000 00
School money by law,	990 50
Extra School money in Dist. No. 1,	50 00

Highway tax, 25 cents on \$100.      State, County, Town and  
School tax, \$750 on a thousand.



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**ACCOUNT OF SELECTMEN.**

For the year ending March 2, 1886.

Amount committed to John S. Hobbs, Collector, for all purposes,	\$4126 50
Dog tax,	47 00
Non-resident highway tax,	125 00
Raised by law for schools,	990 50
Extra school money for Dist. No. 1,	51 42
Received from State Treasurer, Saving Bank tax,	942 68
Received from State Treasurer, railroad tax,	73 16
State Literary fund,	66 49
County Treasurer, account of paupers,	39 56
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	\$5,420 39

**DISCOUNT.**

Paid Collector,	\$125 09
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**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.**

Paid Samuel F. French,	\$24 50
Thomas J. Knowles,	3 00
Thomas E. Call & Son,	12 85
Simon O. Lamprey,	2 33
Mrs. James Marden,	11 00
David J. Lamprey,	32 43
Morris H. Moulton,	15 84
Oliver B. Fogg,	12 31
Mrs. James Marden,	8 20
Otis S. Brown,	110 25
Abbott Norris,	1 40
Abram C. Dow,	3 59



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Paid Eben L. Dalton,	6 00
Georgè D Cotton,	11 13
John W. Hobbs,	2 00
George A. Page,	7 25
Dennis Shea, drain pipe,	9 00
Eben L. Dalton,	2 00
George D. Brown,	2 50
Simon H. Leavitt,	11 29
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	\$ 288 87

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Sarah J. Rand, board of John Smith,	\$ 32 00
John W. Hobbs, care of tramps,	2 56
Eben L. Dalton,                   “	5 00
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	\$ 39 56

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Eben H. Dalton, abatement on horse,	\$ 22
Horatio D. Hobbs, poll tax 1883, 1884,	1 40
John S Hobbs, collector, of Willard K. Hobbs,	
poll tax,	77
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	\$ 2 39

## NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Paid George E. Dalton, interest,	\$ 40 00
John S. Hobbs,                   “	20 00
Heirs of Ruth T. Sleeper, note and interest,	514 17
George D. Cotton,                   “	40 00
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	\$ 614 17

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**SCHOOLS.**

Paid Orin B. Leavitt, District No. 1,	\$ 648 22
"                    "        extra,	5 1 45
David J. Lamprey,            "    2,	404 36
Orin S. Green, Garland tax,	4 42
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	\$ 1108 45

**MISCELLANEOUS.**

Paid John W. Hobbs, for perambulating Rye, Stratham and Hampton town lines,	\$6 00
Eben L. Dalton for perambulating Rye, Stratham and Hampton town lines,	6 00
Orin B. Leavitt, labor at cemetery,	6 75
"            services with hearse,	26 00
Tarlton & Drew, blacksmith work,	3 05
John W. Hobbs, work at cemetery,	1 00
"            postage and stationery,	50
Calvin Page, legal services,	4 00
William O. Junkins, recording births and deaths,	4 25
J. H. Batchelder, books and stationery,	5 60
David J. Lamprey, watering place,	3 00
W. T. Merrill, recording births and deaths,	4 00
J. D. P. Wingate, printing town reports for 1884,	12 00
John W. Berry, watering place,	3 00
Samuel D. Lane, sheep killed by dogs,	25 00
Eben L. Dalton, going to Concord to pay State tax,	2 65
John S. Hobbs, writing deeds,	7 00
A. A. Hanscom, printing tax bills,	1 50

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Paid John W. Hobbs, horse hire and baiting,	1 25
"          going to Exeter with town account	
for 1884 and 1885,	3 00
John W. Hobbs, refreshments,	9 00
Eben L. Dalton,       "	1 25
"          horse hire,	2 00
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	\$137 70

## TOWN HOUSE.

Amos K. Blake, paint stock and labor,	\$ 2 57
John Leavitt, land,	800 00
Joseph A. Dearborn, moving,	200 00
Richard Taylor, rock work,	74 00
William J. Breed, labor,	49 23
Samuel W. Dearborn, lumber,	70 38
George E. Perkins, labor,	4 37
James A. Bunker,       "	5 00
Josiah J. Knowles,     "	9 75
Richard Taylor,       "	4 00
John W. Hobbs,       "	3 95
"          recording deed,	60
Samuel A. Dow, stock,	10 96
Eben L. Dalton, going to Salisbury,	2 00
"          labor,	31 35
"          teaming,	66 00
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	\$1,334 16



## OFFICIAL.

Hezekiah B. Lamprey, Auditor 84 & 85,	\$ 2 00
Jonathan P. Robinson, “	2 00
Charles E. Seavey, Auditor 1885,	1 00
Samuel G. Carswell, Supervisor, 1884,	4 00
George D. Brown, “ 1885.	4 00
Thomas V. Haines, Supt. School Com ,	15 00
John S. Hobbs, Collector,	40 00
“ Constable,	4 00
“ Supervisor and blank,	6 45
John W. Hobbs, Selectman,	29 50
Eben L. Dalton, “	23 50
Jonathan Rollins, Town Clerk,	20 00
“ Treasurer,	10 00
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	\$161 45

EBEN L. DALTON, } Selectmen  
JOHN W. HOBBS, } of  
North Hampton.

North Hampton, March 2, 1886.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount of money on hand from last year,	\$ 408 07
Received on town notes,	1140 00
toward the expense of moving town house,	200 00
from Cemetery lots,	80 00
John S. Hobbs, collector of taxes,	4224 00
“ “ non-resident	
highway tax,	125 00
State treasurer, railroad tax,	73 16
“ savings bank tax,	942 68
“ Literary fund,	66 49
Orin B. Leavitt, use of hearse out of town,	6 00
John P. Elkins, use of town hall,	1 00
Eben L. Dalton, for bridge material,	1 85
County, for support of poor,	39 56
Charles C. Barton, for use of scraper out	
of town,	4 00
Interest on deposit,	7 37
	<u>\$ 7319 18</u>
Paid State tax,	\$ 1132 00
County tax,	1401 95
Selectmen's orders,	3811 84
	<u>\$ 6345 79</u>
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 973 39

JONATHAN ROLLINS, Treasurer.

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

We the undersigned, having examined the books and accounts of Selectmen and Treasurer, find them correctly cast with proper vouchers. We also find the indebtedness is as follows :

Notes held by sundry persons,	\$3540 00
Interest due on same,	93 29
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	\$3633 29
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	973 39
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	\$2659 99

JOHN LEAVITT, }  
GEORGE D. BROWN, } Auditors.



ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Superintending School Committee  
OF THE  
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Never, as in the present, has there been such a wide spread educational interest in our country. Brainy men believe that our nation's future depends largely upon the general intelligence of her citizens. Hence the increasing provisions by many of the states for free schools, the prolonged and earnest discussions in Congress concerning the best methods of providing instruction, the generous legacies left by some of the wealthy for the support of educational institutions where illiteracy abounds, and the unceasing efforts of benevolent organizations to save the young from the danger and shame which are the outcome of ignorance. The educational problem is being carefully studied, and improved methods from time to time are adopted. The days of "Webster's Spelling Book," "The Young Reader" and "Smith's Grammar" are followed by something better. "Ten dollars a month and board around" has gone into history. Six weeks term in summer and the same in winter would now be a meagre offering paid in the temple of knowledge. Great strides have been taken, happy appliances have been made and some satisfactory results secured. But the golden goal is far ahead, yet not so far as to occasion discouragement. The time is coming when a common school education

will be required of *all* the youth in our land. During the past year the schools of this town have offered fair advantages to the children, and your committee on the whole, can report progress.

#### DISTRICT NO. 1.—CENTRE.

##### O. B. Leavitt, Prudential Committee.

The Grammar school for the summer term was kept by Mr. D. H. Lamberton, who during the year before had shown considerable efficiency as a teacher, but whose defects became so prominent this term, as to make a change desirable. He was taken sick and the school closed after six weeks. As your Committee has seen neither the man nor the school register since the close, the statistics are necessarily incomplete. For the remainder of the year the school has been under the charge of Mr. F. L. Weare of Seabrook who came highly recommended, both as to moral character and intellectual ability. His influence has been healthy, his devotion untiring, his method wise, his manner gentlemanly, his discipline careful and his teaching thorough. For the most part he has commanded the respect of his scholars, who while they look up to him, could be sufficiently familiar with him. The scholars were well disposed, and made commendable progress.

The Primary school was taught for the year by Miss Nellie F. Drake whose reputation had already been established in the district. She has shown increasing efficiency, and deserves much praise for her gentle influence over the scholars, her patient regard for all their needs and her untiring efforts to advance them in their studies. Her cheerfulness, energy and firmness, with her love for the work, were discoverable in both the deportment, and intellectual progress of the pupils. Good results were secured. There are some promising scholars in this school.

## DISTRICT NO. 2.—EAST.

• David J. Lamprey, Prudential Committee.

It was well both for parents and children that Miss S. D. Curtiss could again be secured as teacher in this school. She has maintained her excellent reputation, and performed a good work. Having shown efficiency and faithfulness, being decided accurate, clear and inventive and so leading her pupils that they would often discover facts and principles without being directly told. The school appeared both interested and interesting. Several of the classes showed marked progress. The quiet demeanor and respectfulness of the scholars were noticeable. Several of the larger pupils left at the close of the summer term to attend the High school and Academy at Hampton. Some advanced studies were pursued with profit.



## STATISTICAL TABLE OF SCHOOLS.

District,	No. 1.		No. 2.
Money raised by law,	\$608.33		\$377.76
Literary Fund.	39.89		26.60
Money raised above what law requires.	51.45		
Amount for each District.	\$699.67		\$404.36
	Gram. Sch'l	Prim. Sch'l	
Wages male teachers per month, in summer and winter,	\$50		
Wages male teachers per month, in autumn,	\$45		
Wages female teachers per month in summer and autumn,		\$25	\$36
Wages female teachers per month in winter.		\$25	\$40
No. of weeks taught in Summer,	6	8	10
“ “ Autumn,	12	12	10
“ “ Winter,	13	13	17
Whole No. of Scholars in Summer,	37	34	30
“ “ Autumn,	37	37	24
“ “ Winter,	41	27	21
Average attendance in Summer,	*28	31	27
“ “ Autumn,	24	29	21
“ “ Winter,	32	22	17
No. of scholars in Reading,	41	37	31
“ “ Spelling,	41	37	31
“ “ Penmanship,	40	29	21
“ “ Arithmetic,	40	29	20
“ “ Geography,	39	29	18
“ “ Grammar,	24		13
“ “ History,			7
“ “ Physiology,	3		5
“ “ Natural History,			2
“ “ Algebra,	3		2
“ “ Philosophy,			3
“ “ Book-keeping,	1		2
No. of Scholars on the Roll of Honor.	3	5	8
No. of Visits by Citizens,	38	31	32
“ District Committee.	1		1
“ Superintendent,	10	9	10

\*Approximately.

## GENERAL REMARKS.

The care, labor and expenditure for the schools during the past year have not been wasted. In the opinion of your committee, with one exception, a healthy moral and intellectual influence has been exerted by the teachers. No great changes have been made in the working methods. Raub's Grammar has been put in the place of Swinton's and fully meets the expectations. Harper's New Graded Copy Books have superseded the different ones which were in use, making a uniform system of writing. With this school year the old *regime* passes away. The new law, doubtless, will be an improvement. It will more thoroughly unify the schools, and equalize the privileges, although with us, probably, there will be but little change, except in the controlling power, unless the town-district should see fit to establish a High School, which would be an important advance in our educational work. Your Committee thinks that the trial of such a school in 1874, although imperfect, proves that our children *can* be well educated at home. If we provide such means that they can go into the world of business and care with minds disciplined to think for themselves, with moral and religious powers so cultivated that they will resist temptation, and with habits in harmony with the laws of human life, the next generation will do better work in the world than we are doing, will live on a higher and broader plain, and become familiar with much which now seems impossible.

With this report the office and work of your committee ends. Farewell! — T. V. HAINES,

Superintending School Committee.

North Hampton, March, 1886.







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